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## PRESS RELEASE

# **CITY'S SINGLE ADULT HOMELESS EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER TO OPEN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

## ***SHELTER TO OPERATE IN NEW LOCATION AT TAILGATE PARK IN EAST VILLAGE UNTIL MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>***

**SAN DIEGO** – The City's Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter for single adults will open its doors at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 17. This year the single adult shelter will be located in Tailgate Park, a large parking lot situated northeast of Petco Park at 1311 K Street in East Village. The single adult shelter is one of three winter shelter programs offered by the City's comprehensive Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program.

The single adult shelter is funded by the City's allocation of Emergency Shelter Grants, as well as by a grant from the United Way of San Diego County. The total operational cost of the shelter is \$288,000, which equates to \$12 per night per homeless individual. As in years past, the single adult shelter will be operated by the Alpha Project.

The City has organized a healthcare collaborative to support the needs of those staying in the single adult shelter. Healthcare services will be provided throughout the shelter season by St. Vincent de Paul Village Medical Clinic, a division of Father Joe's Village, in partnership with UCSD School of Medicine, Pt. Loma Nazarene University, the County of San Diego, and other healthcare professionals. Dr. Margaret McCahill, medical director for St. Vincent de Paul Medical Clinic, will provide medical supervision for the healthcare services.

The single adult shelter is scheduled to close on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Starting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Vincent de Paul has agreed to provide 120 beds per night for 30 nights, to homeless single adults.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year the City of San Diego has provided its Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program. The program is designed to assist homeless single adults, families and veterans during the region's coldest and wettest months.

In addition to the single adult shelter, the City offers shelter for homeless veterans and homeless families. On December 5<sup>th</sup> the City will open its 150-bed Veterans Shelter, operated by the Veterans Village of San Diego, in the Midway area.

Also opening on December 5th is the Winter Family Shelter Collaborative. The collaborative is overseen by the City of San Diego in conjunction with its collaborative partners the County of San Diego, the San Diego Rescue Mission, and the YWCA. The entry point for the family shelter collaborative is the San Diego Rescue Mission located at 120 Elm Street in Bankers Hill. It opens at 6pm daily. The county provides case management and hotel vouchers to the participants throughout their participation in the program. As part of this collaborative, the City operates the Cortez Hill Family Center, which is located at 1449 Ninth Avenue in Cortez Hill.

For more information about the City's Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program, call program director Sharon Johnson at 619/533-6525.

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